



## Stephen Collins Foster

Stephen Collins Foster was born July 4, 1826 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. His father was a prominent merchant and in later years a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature. His mother was of a cultured, poetic temperament, deeply devoted to her family and home, and from her, Stephen Foster inherited his talent.

So much of the real Stephen Foster appears in his beloved songs—his creative temperament, sensitiveness, craving for love and understanding, that his heart poured forth into his music.

In 1842 his first song was published, "Open Thy Lattice Love," set to words by George P. Morris. With the exception of a very few songs, Foster wrote both words and music.

"Oh! Susanna," "Old Uncle Ned," and others followed, and were performed in public, meeting with approval, so much so, his family and friends urged him to take up the study of musical composition, but Foster's temperament could not be bound to the thought of academic work.

A few of Foster's best known songs were first published without his name, appearing in print accredited to famous minstrels. This was through a financial arrangement that later was changed.

In 1850 he married Jane McDowell. The marriage was a failure. Several times he attempted to establish a home, but as there was not that overlooking of his faults, the sincere belief in him, the mothering and devotional faith and understanding that Foster needed, they soon became separated. Finally he came to New York and continued to write songs—songs that told of his gentle, sensitive, diffident nature—songs whose words and melody speak from the heart for the things he craved.

Foster died January 13, 1864 in Bellevue Hospital from an accidental injury. His wife came at once on learning of the accident, and he was taken back to Pittsburg, where he was buried in the Allegheny Cemetery beside the mother and father so dear to him.

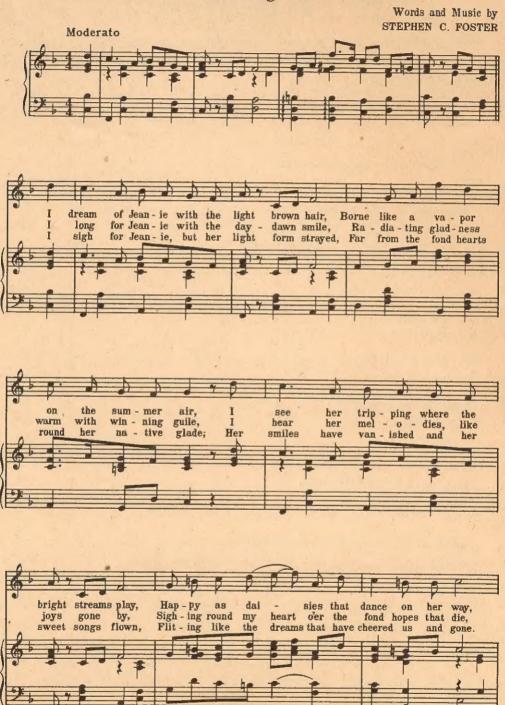
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The songs of Stephen Foster in this collection have been newly arranged for solo and group singing. The piano accompaniments are not at all difficult and preserve the original beauty of melody and musical color of this beloved American composer.

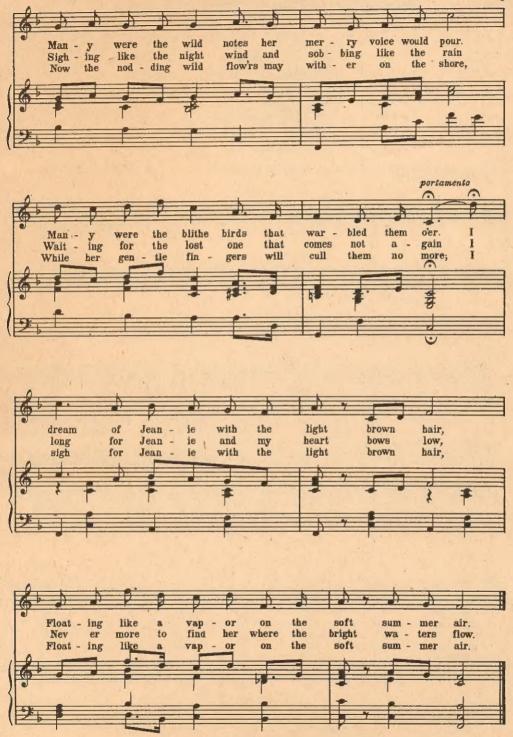
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#### Jeanie With The Light Brown Hair



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## My Old Kentucky Home



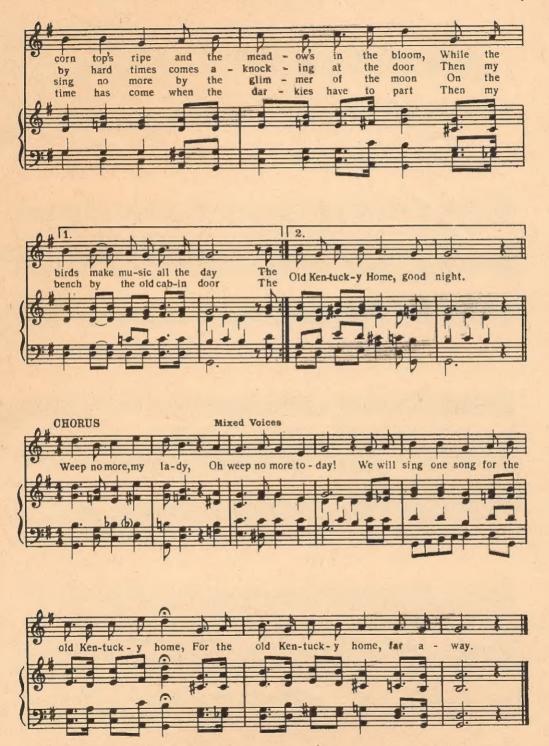
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STEPHEN C. FOSTER

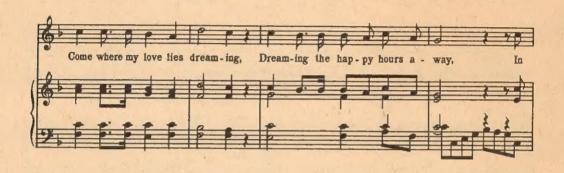








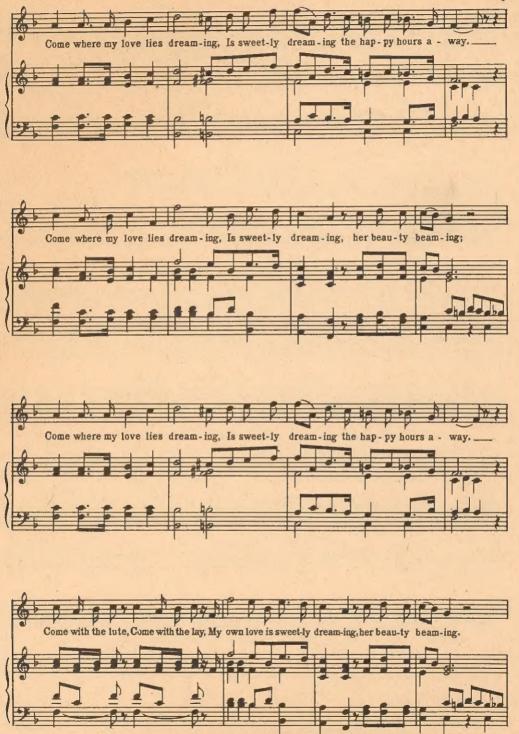






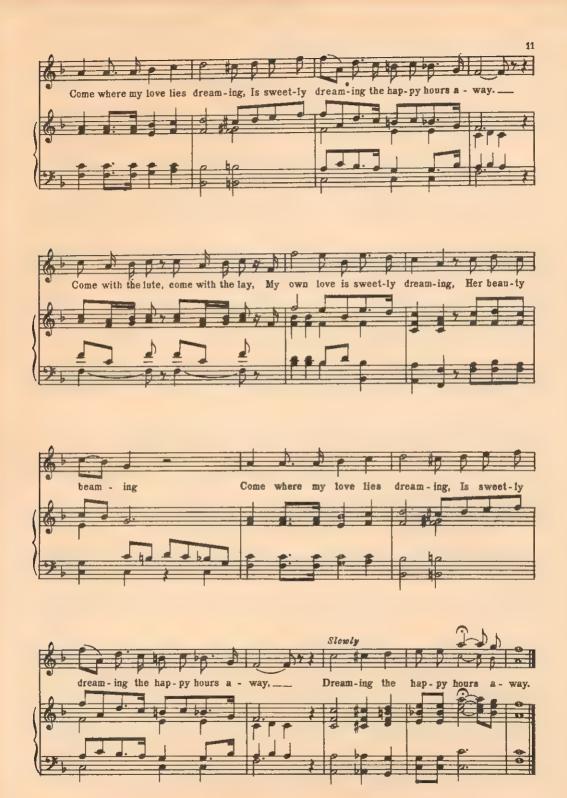






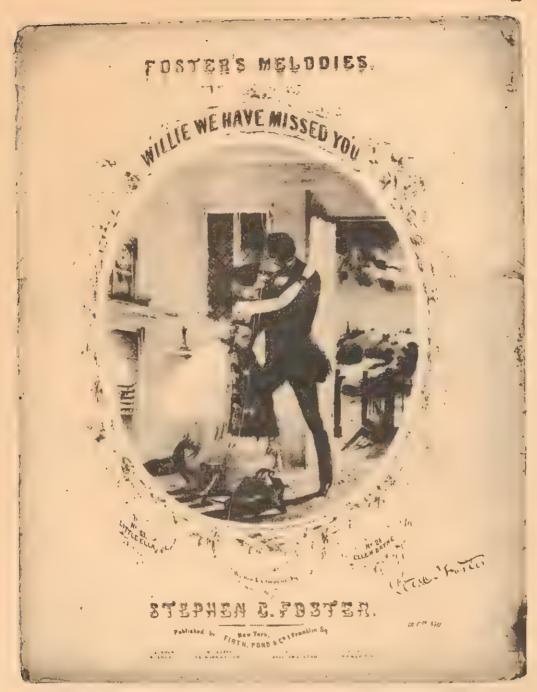






## Old Dog Tray

Solo or ensemble use piano notes for ensemble STEPHEN C. FOSTER 1. The morn of life is past, And evining come at last, It brings me a dream of a 2. The forms I calld my own, Have van ished one by one, The lovd ones the dearones have 3. When thoughts re-call the past, His eyes are on me cast, I know that he feels what my once hap - py day, Of mer-ry forms I've seen, Up - on the vil-lage green, all pass'd a - way, Their hap-py smiles have flown, Their gen-tle voi-ces gone; I've breaking heart would say; Al - tho'he can - not speak, Ill vain-ly, vain-ly seek, A CHORUS sport-ing with my old dog Tray. noth-ing left but old dog Tray. bet-ter friendthanold dog Tray. Old dog Tray's ev-er faith-ful Grief can-not drive him away, He's gen-tle, he is kind: I'll nev-er, nev-er find A bet-ter friend than old dog Tray.



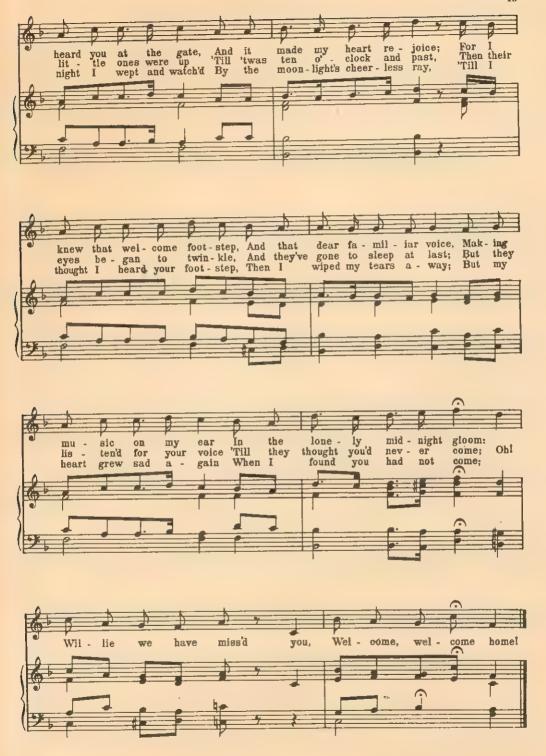
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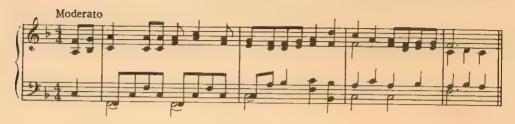




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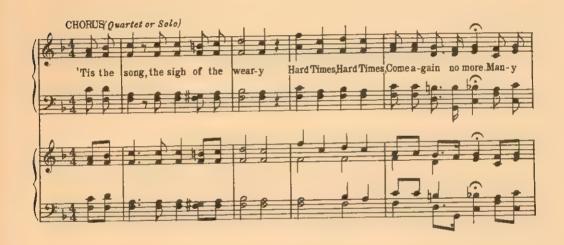














### Beautiful Dreamer

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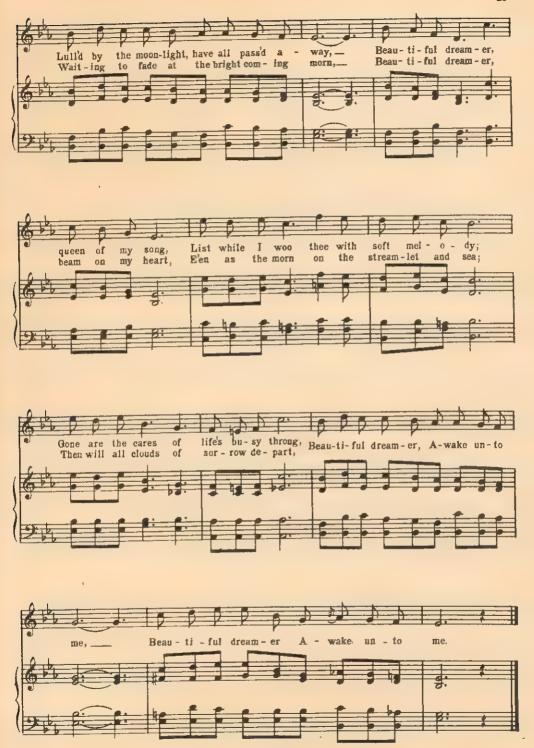


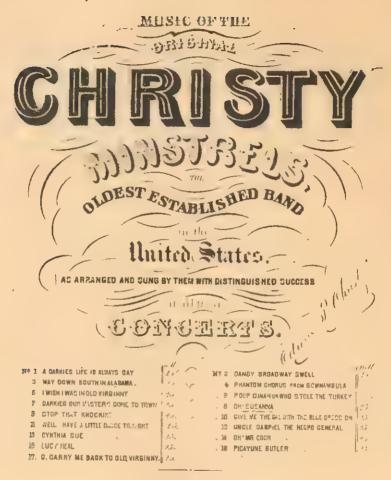






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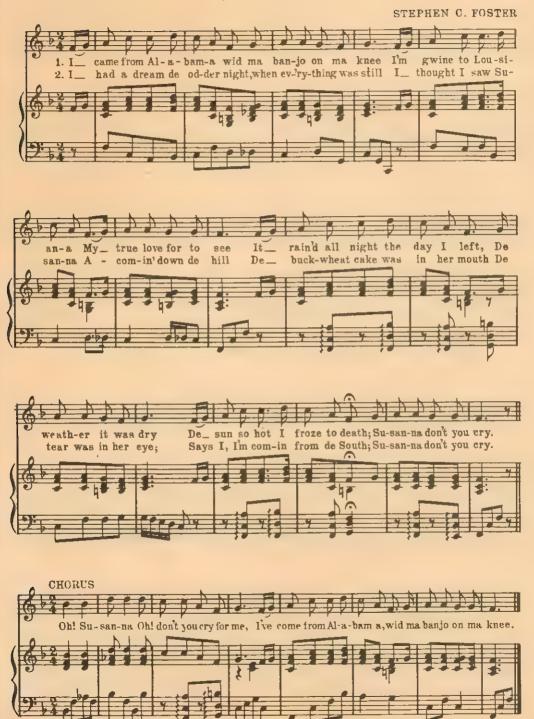




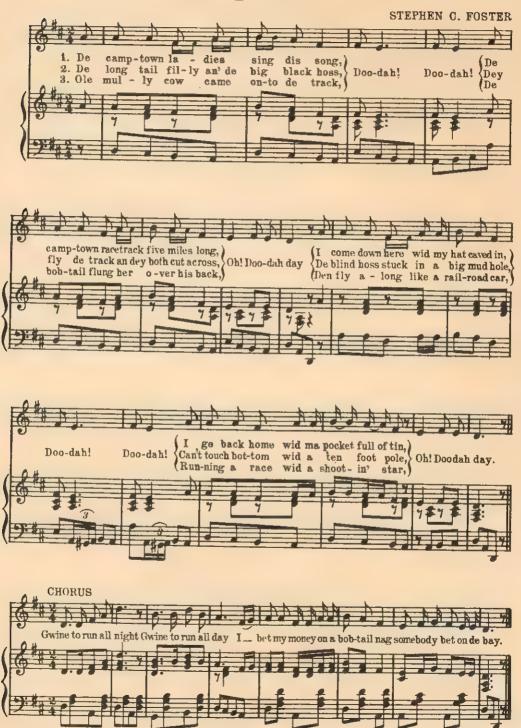
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This coverplate of "Oh! Susanna" carries the signature of the minstrel Edwin P. Christy and a printed notice inside—"Sung by G. N. Christy, of the Christy Minstrels. Foster's name does not appear anywhere on the copy.

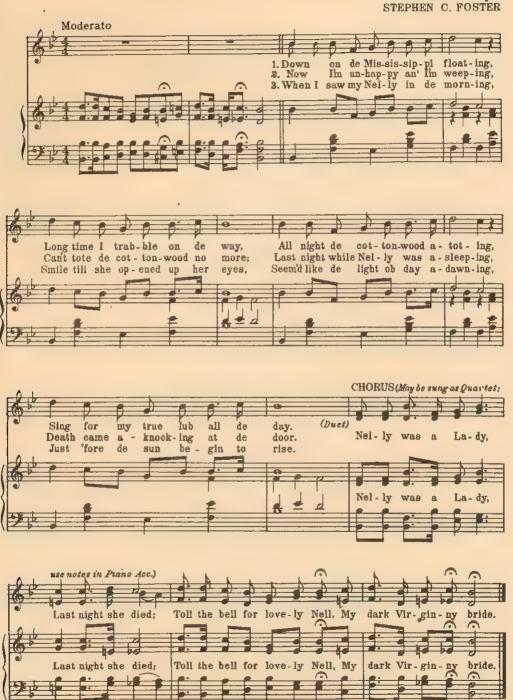
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## De Camptown Races



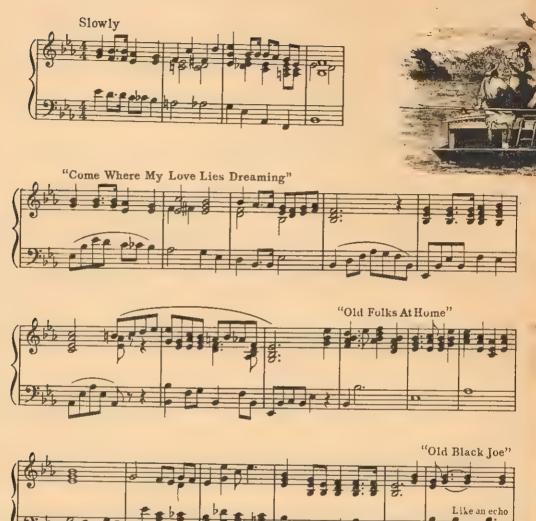
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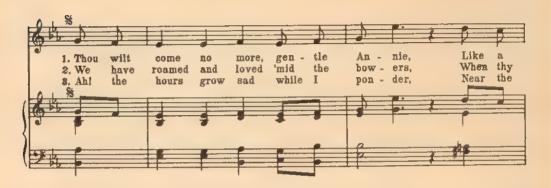
# Stephen Foster for Piano)

G. H. S.



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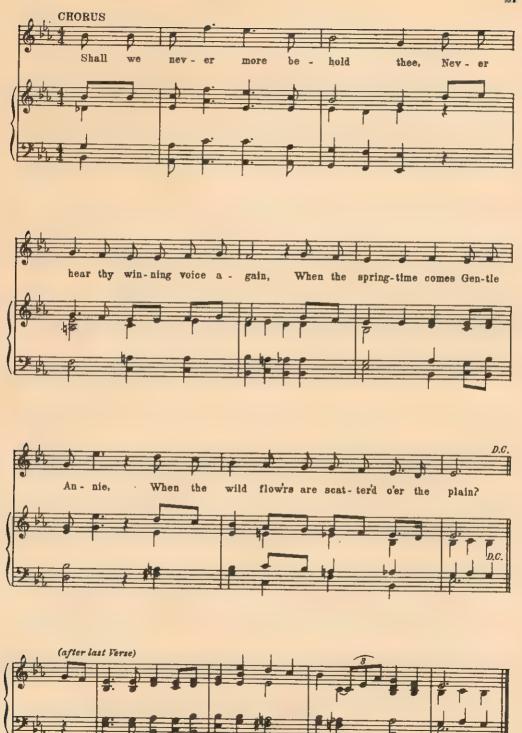


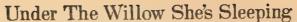


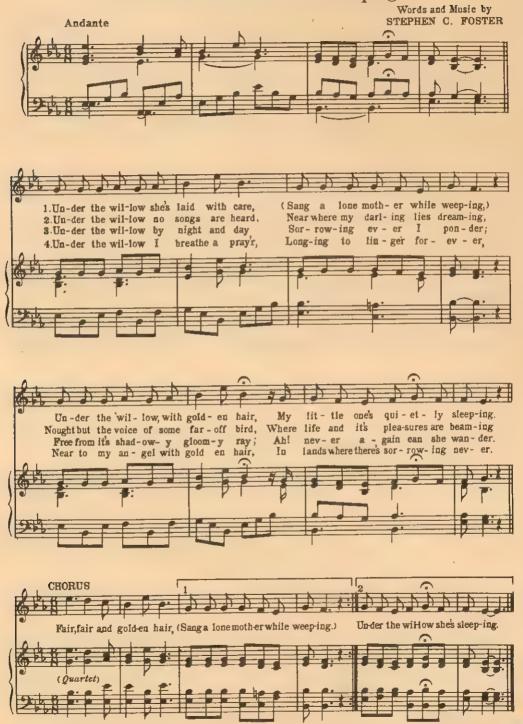


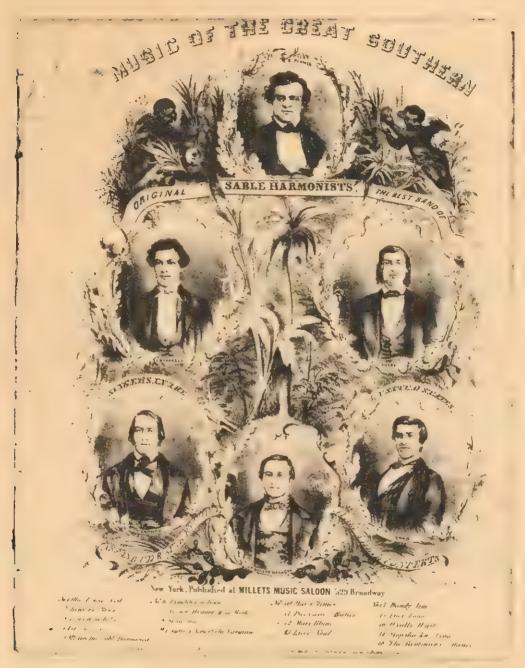


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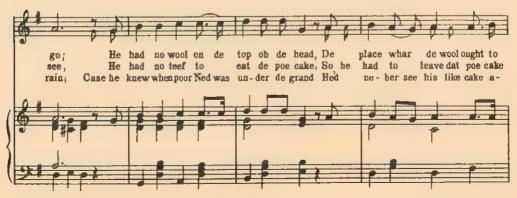


A first edition coverplate of "Old Uncle Ned" showing the minstrel group of Wm. Roark, known as the "Sable Harmonists". This edition contains a printed notice inside—"Written and Composed for Wm. Roark by S. C. Foster of Cincinnati.

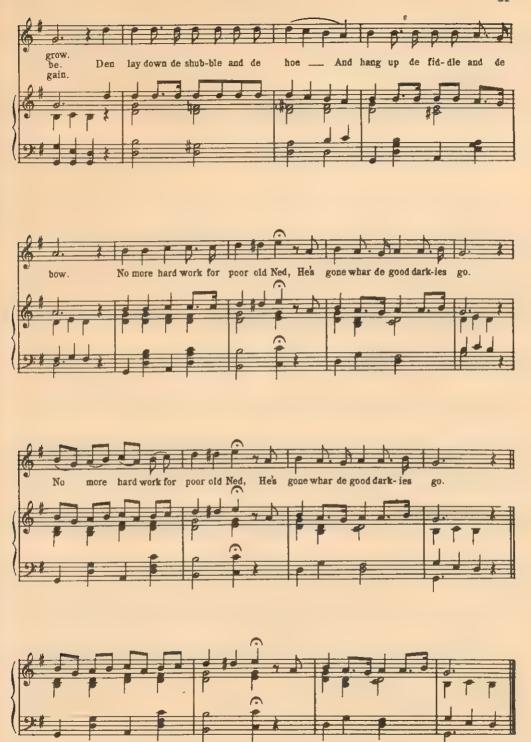
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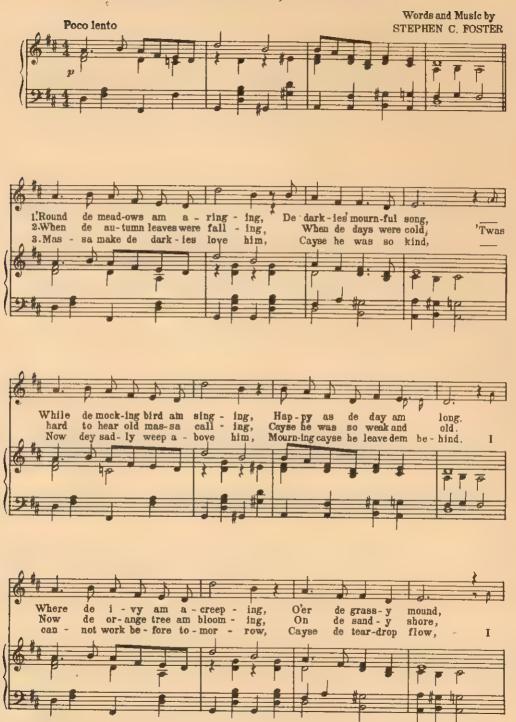




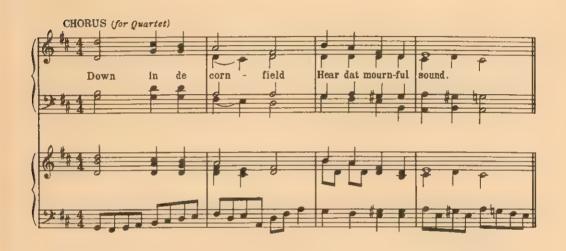
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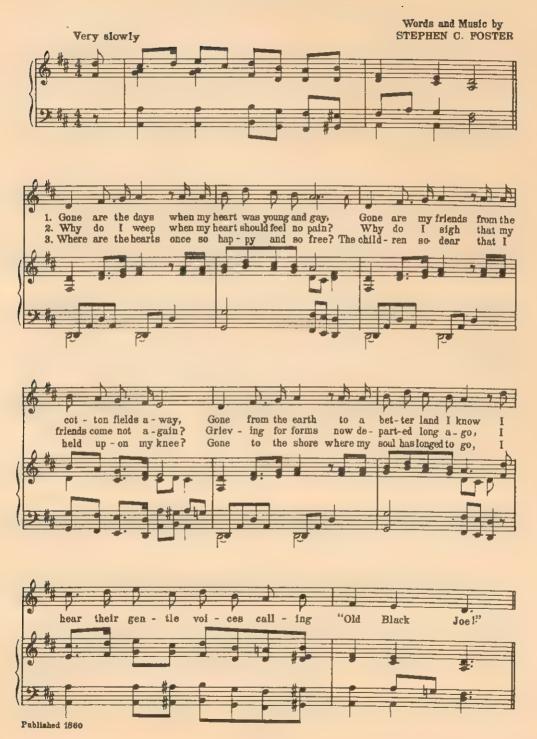


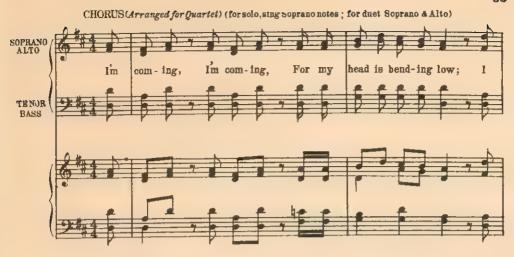






#### Old Black Joe









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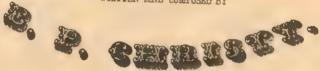
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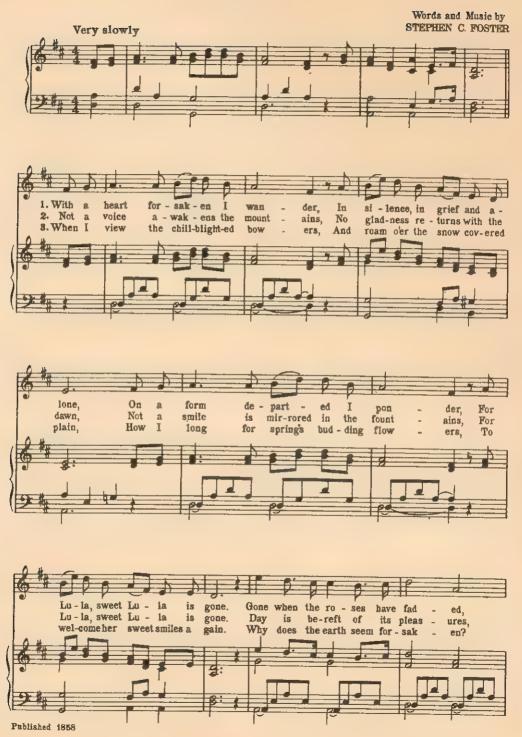
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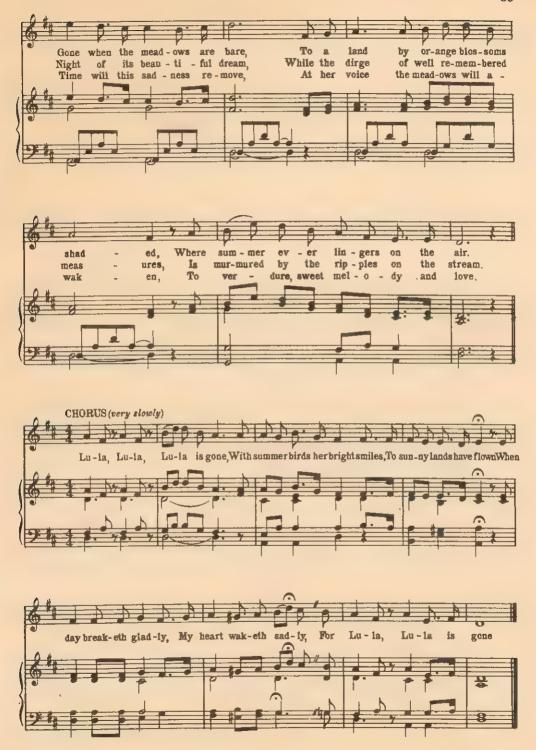
Note that on this coverplate of Stephen Foster's most widely known song E. P. Christy is accredited as author and composer. Foster sold this right to the minstrel and it was many years before the true composer's name appeared on the prints.

#### Old Folks At Home



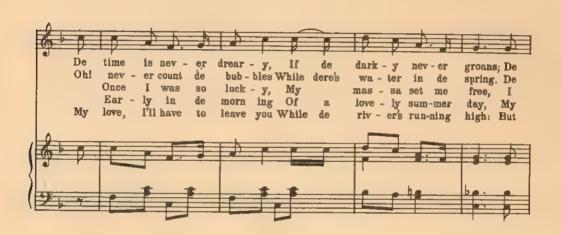
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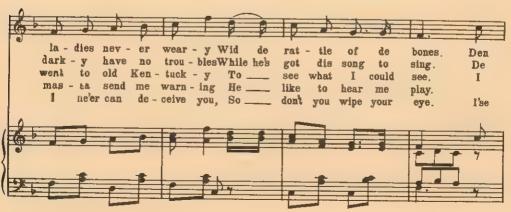




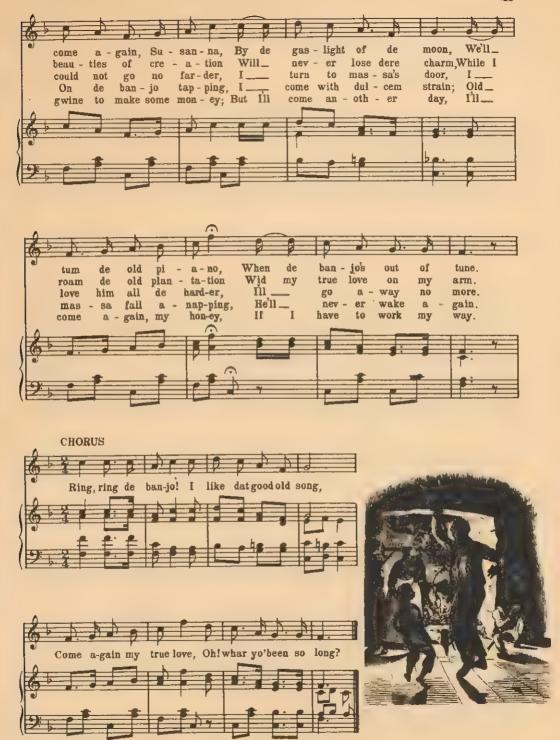
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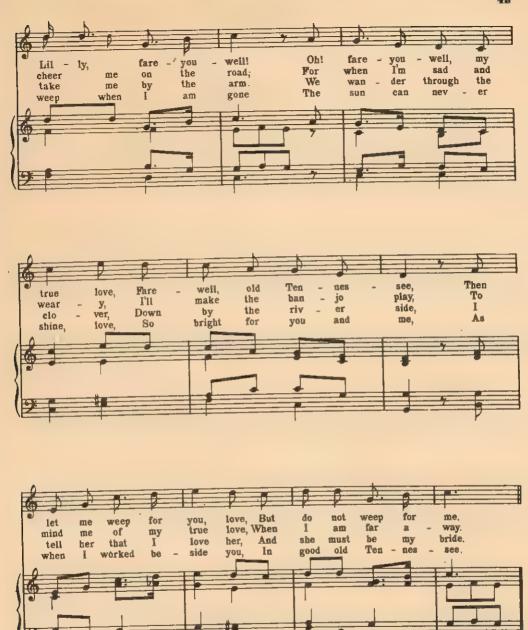


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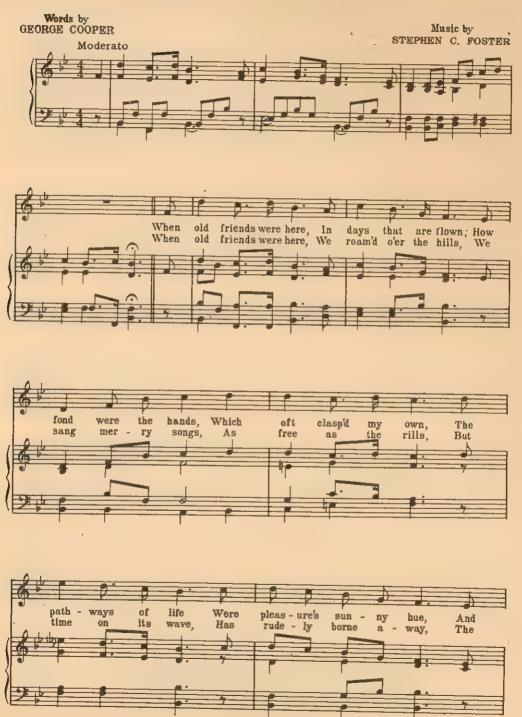






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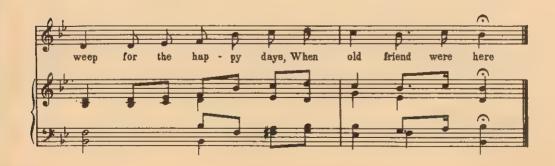
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#### Open Thy Lattice, Love

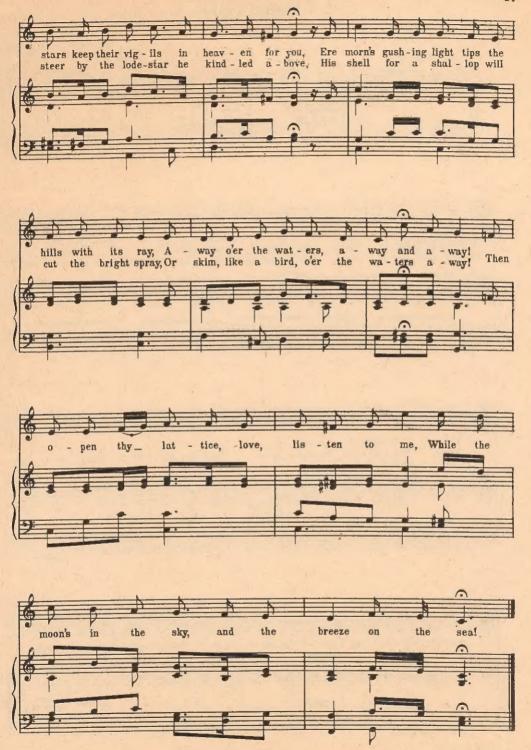
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#### Some Folks

